



Operation Fill-A-Backpack Project
News Release



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Partners to End Poverty (PEP) is partnering with the Salvation Army to help children get the school supplies they need.

For the third year, PEP and the Salvation Army will be running the literacy-themed 'Operation Fill-a-Backpack' project. This Poverty Buster is aimed at assisting parents, engaging communities and building awareness of financial and other barriers to literacy in northeast Saskatchewan.

This initiative is intended for families in need and will aim to provide those who sign up with a backpack and school supplies for their children. Those interested in signing up to receive a backpack may do so at the Salvation Army in Melfort, Nipawin, or Tisdale. "Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee everyone a backpack as collected school supplies and donations may run out," stated Tim Onsrud, Coordinator, Partners to End Poverty.

Families are asked to sign up for backpacks before the August 16 deadline. Backpacks will be given out at the Salvation Army on August 18 (Nipawin), August 22 (Tisdale) and August 24 and 25 (Melfort) from 1 to 4 p.m.

Each year, many children go back to school without the basic supplies they need to succeed. PEP and the Salvation Army are working with churches and businesses in the northeast to collect school supplies. Donations of school supplies or financial donations will be gratefully accepted until August 16. Donations can be made at the Salvation Army, as well as various churches, schools, and some local businesses. Brochures and posters with more 'Operation Fill-a-Backpack' information are also available.

"Thank you for helping us to make a difference in the lives of these children," Onsrud concluded.

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